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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: EASTERN PLENARY COMMENTS ON REVISED
WESTERN DATA

THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF COMMENTS MADE
IN RUSSIAN BY SOVIET REP (TARASOV) AT THE DEC 16 PLENARY MEETING
OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTLY FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY US
REP.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE SOVIET DELEGATION HAS BEEN LISTENING WITH DUE ATTENTION
AND WILL STUDY THE STATEMENT YOU HAVE JUST MADE IN YOUR
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CAPACITY AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
UNTIL SUCH A STUDY HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT WE ARE NOT INCLINED
TO EXPRESS ANY KIND OF OPINION ON THE NUMERICAL DATA YOU QUOTED
CONCERNING THE NUMBERS OF ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING GROUND FORCES,
IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS OF THE WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANT
COUNTRIES. HOWEVER THESE DATA AT FIRST GLANCE DIFFER FROM THE

ESTIMATES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO US. AS TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE NUMBERS OF ARMED FORCES OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, AND THE SO-CALLED DISPARITIES, THESE QUITE EVIDENTLY DO NOT CORRESPOND TO THE REALITIES AND WOULD SEEM TO REFLECT THE ENDEAVOUR OF NATO COUNTRIES AS HERETOFORE TO USE THE QUESTION OF NUMBERS IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THEIR ILL-FOUNDED DEMANDS FOR INEQUITABLE SO-CALLED ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS WHICH WOULD HARM THE SECURITY OF SOCIALIST STATES. MR CHAIRMAN, NOW THAT WE HAVE NUMERICAL DATA AVAILABLE-BOTH FOR THE FORCES OF THE WARSAW PACT STATES DECLARED BY US SIX MONTHS AGO ON 10 JUNE AND ALSO FOR THE NATO FORCES WHICH AT LONG LAST AND AFTER A LONG WAIT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TODAY-WE SHALL BE ABLE IN THE COURSE OF OUR FURTHER WORK, TO ASSESS AND ANALYSE THESE DATA TOGETHER. THE GIVING OF GREATER PRECISION ON THIS QUESTION WILL NO DOUBT ASSIST THE PARTICIPANTS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT DISTRACTING THEM FROM THE GENERAL BUSINESS BY DISCUSSION OF SO-CALLED DISPARITIES AND ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS. THIS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO START THE SEARCH FOR PRACTICAL WAYS AND MEANS TOWARDS (ACHIEVING) MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AND EQUIVALENT REDUCTIONS OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.RESOR

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